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1A0KM, SOV. MIL ORDER OF MALTA. "The DX Bulletin" reports that the 1A0KM operation has been postponed indefinitely due to restrictions imposed by the enclave's managers. This is more bad news for this DXCC country which is ranked 20th on the "OPDX/NODXA Most Wanted List".

4U1UN CARDS. Jerry, WB8LFO, reports the large backlog of QSL cards is beginning to get much smaller. Cards sent for contacts that are in the hand written logs should be answered up to March 1993. Cards sent for contacts that are in the computer logs, as of November 1993, should have a quick turn around. PLEASE DO NOT RE-SUBMIT QSLs for contacts made after March 1993. QSL via W8CZN.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Don, WB2DND, will be active as A61AD, from March 23-26. He will be active mostly on 160-40 meters. QSL to Don Greenbaum, WB2DND, 250 Standish St., Duxbury, MA 02332.

BV9P, PRATAS ISLAND. The following information are excerpts from a FAX sent to Ron, K6OZL, from Martti, OH2BH/VR2BH in Hong Kong: As a result of very intensive talks in Taipei during the past week, another brief operation from Pratas will take place from Monday 21 March to Friday 25 March. BV2VA, BV4AS, BV40B & BV4TC will make touch-down at 12 noon BV-time (+16 hrs Calif. time) Monday. No foreign operators will accompany this trip. Callsign BV9P will again be activated using normal DX frequencies. This operation will be mostly SSB but some CW can be expected as well. Two transceivers will be used (Yaesu FT-1000 and FT-990) with FL7700 amplifiers into a create tribander and wire antennas. QSL via BV2TA.

All the operators are on their first DXpedition with their overall experience in amateur radio less than three years each. This operation will provide the ultimate challenge to the DX community to behave and cooperate with the operators in such a manner so as to allow the maximum number of QSO's to be made. The operators were provided DXpedition guidelines by N7NG & OH2BH which have been translated into Chinese.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Rudi, DK7PE, is now active as FK8/DK7PE, but his length of stay is unknown. He plans to be active on 160 meters and has been heard so far on 1825 kHz at 1125z. Start checking the very low end of 40 meters for him around 1100z and again around 0620z. On 20 meters, check the lower end starting around 0530z. FK8CP also continues to be active on 160 meters every day on 1838 kHz around 1115z. Henri, FK1TK,

was heard on A0-13, check around 145.904 kHz at 0600z.

IBOC, ITALY (This one is for the prefix hunters!). GianFederico, IK0AZG, informs OPDX that he will air this special callsign during the following contests: CQ WW WPX SSB (Mar. 26-27), ARI International DX (May 7-8), IARU (July 9-10) and CQ WW SSB (Oct. 29-30). QSL via IK0AZG.

KH3, JOHNSTON ATOLL. Richard, AH6IO, and Pat, NH6UY, are planning to be active from KH3-land from May 4 until May 9. Pat will operate as NH6UY/KH3 and will make satellite contacts only on Oscar 13. QSLs for Pat will be via her callbook address. Richard will operate as AH6IO/KH3 on the HF bands using the following frequencies: 1830, 3795, 7080, 7175, 14195, 14226, 18130, 21305, 24950, 28495 and 50110 kHz. He will operate some CW at times on the low end of the U.S. General Class band. He will try to be active during the night time hours on the lower bands if conditions allow. QSL direct only to AH6IO callbook address.

PA, AMELAND ISLAND (EU-038). Thomas, DL90BQ, will be active from this Dutch island located in the North Sea Coast (North group). Activity will be from March 27th thru April 6th. He plans to be active CW and SSB. Look for him on the usual IOTA frequencies (.260's) and also on 30/40/80 meters. The callsign is unknown at this time, but a special QSL card will be printed for this operation.

TY, BENIN. Ken, WA4OB0, hopes to be active as TY80B0 again before the end of March, but a report indicates that it may not happen until sometime in April. During his 4 to 5 day operation, Ken will be using a Kenwood TS-50 and Heath SB200 amplifier. He will try to spend more on 80 and 40 meters during this trip. He states 40 meters is a mess there because of all the interference.

VS6, HONG KONG. Tim, KJ4VH, will be returning to VS6W0's QTH for a Multi/Multi effort in the upcoming WPX SSB contest. The contest team will consist of the following operators: VS6W0, VR2GO, 9V1YC, JE1CKA, DL5XX, K3WUW, etc. Their plans are to break the all-time Asian Multi/Multi record and they would appreciate your help! Please look for them in the contest. QSL VS6W0 to K9EC. Also, Tim states he will be moderately active as VS6/KJ4VH, and that he may be on from HL and BV over the next couple weeks. Activity will be mostly CW. All his QSOs will be automatically confirmed via the bureau.

YI, IRAQ. YI9CW has been active on 12 and 17 meters this past weekend. He was heard on 18075 kHz between 1400 and 1600z; and also on 24900 kHz at 1344z. QSL to SP5AUC, Tom Rogowski, P.O. Box 11, Warsaw 93, Poland.

DX DINNER BANQUET (UPDATE). Just a reminder! The Southwest Ohio DX Association will be hosting the Ninth Annual DX Dinner which will be held on Friday, April 29th, 1994, at the Stouffer Center Plaza Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 with dinner at 7:15. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available from Scott Lehman, N9AG, PO Box 803, Greenville OH 45331. Tickets will be \$27.00. Please make your check payable to SWODXA, and send an SASE for ticket

return. Seating will be limited, so please order early. If you wish to sit as a group, it would be appreciated if you order as a group. All seats will be reserved. Ralph Fedor, K0IR, will be the keynote speaker. Ralph was the organizer of the 3Y0PI expedition and will show slides of the highly successful Peter I Island DXpedition. For further information contact Scott Lehman, N9AG, at (513) 548-6230 or Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, at (513) 429-9954 voice/fax.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR: There will probably be no bulletin next week (March 28). I have some family obligations to attend. Please keep sending your DX information. (You never know, I may put one together if I receive enough information before the weekend.)

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! Faxing is available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2330z only. The number is 216-237-8208 and the FAX card is sharing the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch.

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